

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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<b>Fredéric SGIER et al.</b>	)	Group Art Unit: 3775
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Application No.: 10/766,911	)	Examiner: Larry E. Waggle, Jr.
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Filed: January 30, 2004	)	Confirmation No.: 4613
	)	
For: <b>VERTEBRAL ARTHRODESIS</b>	)	
<b>DEVICE</b>	)	

Mail Stop-Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

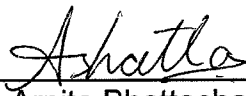
Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time to file a reply to the Office Action of March 31, 2009. The period for response has been extended to September 30, 2009. A fee of \$555.00 (small entity) is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached reply and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: September 28, 2009

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